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Overview

2.1 The Department of Political Affairs was established in order to enhance the Organization's capacity to provide good offices and for preventive diplomacy and peacemaking. The Department was initially headed by two Under-Secretaries-General, each with geographically defined responsibilities and functions. As a further step towards streamlining and consolidation, the General Assembly, in its resolution 48/231 of 23 December 1993, approved the Secretary-General's proposal to merge the two parts of the Department under the direction of a single Under-Secretary-General supported by two Assistant Secretaries-General. The merger was implemented in March 1994. The Department is entrusted with three basic functions. The first function is to support the Secretary-General in the discharge of his global responsibilities for preventive diplomacy and peacemaking in accordance with relevant provisions of the Charter and under the mandates given him by the General Assembly and the Security Council. This involves the collection of information about actual or potential disputes and conflicts, analysis of that information to identify situations in which the United Nations could usefully take action, advising the Secretary-General on what form that action should take, preparing the necessary reports to the relevant intergovernmental bodies and implementing the approved policy. Through the provision of briefing notes, background papers and other services, the Department also assists the Secretary-General in his relations with Member States. Responsibility for this function, which also involves cooperation with regional organizations, is entrusted to six regional divisions of the revised structure of the Department, following its merger (two for Africa, two for Asia, one for the Americas and one for Europe). Each division is headed by a director who reports to one of the two Assistant Secretaries-General in the Department.

2.2 The second function of the Department is the provision of secretariat services to the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council and a number of related intergovernmental bodies. This function is entrusted to two divisions, one for the General Assembly and the Trusteeship Council and related bodies, and the other for the Security Council and its subsidiary organs, each headed by a director reporting to one of the two Assistant Secretaries-General.

2.3 The third function is the implementation of the programme on disarmament, and it is carried out by the Centre for Disarmament Affairs, headed by a director who reports directly to the Under-Secretary-General. The Centre provides secretariat services to the Conference on Disarmament, the Disarmament Commission and the First Committee of the General Assembly. It includes staff stationed in New York, Geneva and three regional disarmament centres at Kathmandu, Lima and Lomé.

2.4 The activities carried out under the present section of the budget fall under subprogrammes 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, and 3, Research, collection and analysis of information of programme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information; and programmes 2, Political and Security Council affairs, 3, General Assembly affairs, 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, 5, Question of Palestine, and 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1). The adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 48/258 A on 23 June 1994, by which it terminated the mandate of the Special Committee against Apartheid, gave rise to the termination of activities relating to programme 6, Elimination of apartheid, which was also carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. The Committee for Programme and Coordination, in its report (A/49/16 (Part II)), has recommended approval by the Assembly of the termination of programme 6.

2.5 The proposals under this section reflect a reduction resulting basically from the disposition of the remainder of the resources approved in 1994-1995 for activities relating to apartheid, and, consistent with the Secretary-General's view (see A/49/388) that because of the improving situation in Lebanon the continuation of the Office of the Coordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon (UNARDOL) in its present form is no longer necessary, the elimination of resources for that office is proposed. Activities relating to UNARDOL will be entrusted to the Resident Coordinator of UNDP. Following the determination by the Security Council in its resolution 956 (1994) that the applicability of the trusteeship agreement had terminated with respect to the last Trust Territory, the Trust Territory of the Pacific islands (Palau), the relinquishing of resources provided for activities by the Trusteeship Council is also proposed.

2.6 The estimated percentage distribution of resources in 1996-1997 under section 2 of the budget would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs		
	1. Security Council	0.6	—
	2. Trusteeship Council	—	—
	3. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	0.9	—
	4. Special Committee against Apartheid and other bodies	—	—
	5. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	0.2	—
	6. Conference on Disarmament	0.1	—
	Subtotal A	**1.8**	**—**
B.	Executive direction and management	6.7	—
C.	Programme of work		
	1. Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking	29.3	—
	2. General Assembly affairs	7.5	—
	3. Security Council affairs	15.1	—
	4. Disarmament	23.3	74.7
	5. Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections	3.9	25.3
	6. Question of Palestine	6.8	—
	7. Other programmes	—	—
	Subtotal C	**85.9**	**100.0**
D.	Programme support	5.6	—
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 2.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
A.	Policy-making organs	3 050.9	2 263.1	(1 239.4)	(54.7)	1 023.7	49.7	1 073.4
B.	Executive direction and management	5 441.1	5 603.6	(1 753.4)	(31.2)	3 850.2	173.5	4 023.7
C.	Programme of work	42 432.8	49 551.3	(1 262.5)	(2.5)	48 288.8	2 647.3	50 936.1
D.	Programme support	2 768.2	4 741.7	(1 590.6)	(33.5)	3 151.1	146.2	3 297.3
	Total	**53 693.0**	**62 159.7**	**(5 845.9)**	**(9.4)**	**56 313.8**	**3 016.7**	**59 330.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) Other United Nations organizations	—
416.7	571.7	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	142.3
416.7	**571.7**	**Total (a)**	**142.3**
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 021.1	217.9	Trust Fund for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme	233.0
194.8	390.7	Trust Fund for Public Awareness on Disarmament Issues	410.2
801.8	234.6	Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities	254.0
500.0	608.2	Trust Fund for Interest on the Contribution to the United Nations Special Account	400.0
208.0	6 370.4	United Nations Trust Fund for Electoral Observation	1 333.0
6.3	186.0	Trust Fund for Publicity against Apartheid	—
2 732.0	**8 007.8**	**Total (b)**	**2 732.0**

	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
			(c) Operational projects	
	323.5	142.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa	133.8
	154.9	99.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	145.3
	396.7	40.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific	40.0
	1 433.7	2 187.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research	2 187.3
	4 330.0	2 130.5	United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa	—
	11 138.6	5 000.0	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	—
	1 534.7	255.0	United Nations Fund for Namibia	—
Total (c)	**19 312.1**	**9 854.4**		**2 506.4**
Total (a), (b) and (c)	**22 460.8**	**18 433.9**		**5 278.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**76 153.8**	**80 593.6**		**64 609.4**

Table 2.2 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	40 869.3	49 465.7	(3 824.4)	(7.7)	45 641.3	2 524.0	48 165.3
Other staff costs	2 778.4	1 216.1	228.9	18.8	1 445.0	69.5	1 514.5
Consultants and experts	1 119.9	1 694.3	(296.4)	(17.4)	1 397.9	67.4	1 465.3
Travel	3 077.6	3 193.6	(461.9)	(14.4)	2 731.7	131.8	2 863.5
Contractual services	512.4	1 090.8	(177.4)	(16.2)	913.4	44.2	957.6
General operating expenses	1 371.9	1 672.3	(260.0)	(15.5)	1 412.3	67.3	1 479.6
Supplies and materials	180.9	202.8	(6.9)	(3.4)	195.9	10.0	205.9
Equipment	894.4	1 583.6	(596.2)	(37.6)	987.4	46.8	1 034.2
Fellowships, grants, contributions	2 888.2	2 040.5	(451.6)	(22.1)	1 588.9	55.7	1 644.6
Total	**53 693.0**	**62 159.7**	**(5 845.9)**	**(9.4)**	**56 313.8**	**3 016.7**	**59 330.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Object of expenditure	1996-1997 estimates
317.0	467.4	Posts	177.0
1 913.7	1 953.7	Other staff costs	1 771.1
80.9	645.7	Consultants and experts	626.0
1 647.9	1 691.7	Travel	1 398.2
538.6	629.7	Contractual services	543.7
1 342.1	320.5	General operating expenses	309.9
0.7	34.0	Supplies and materials	32.7
100.0	139.4	Equipment	111.1
16 432.1	12 489.3	Fellowships, grants, contributions	309.2
87.8	62.5	Other expenditures	—
22 460.8	**18 433.9**	**Total**	**5 278.9**
76 153.8	**80 593.6**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**64 609.4**

Table 2.3 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Department of Political Affairs

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
D-2	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
D-1	21	17	1	1	—	—	22	18
P-5	41	38	4	3	—	—	45	41
P-4/3	71	68	3	2	—	—	74	70
P-2/1	16	13	—	—	—	—	16	13
Total	**162**	**149**	**8**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**170**	**155**
General Service category								
Principal level	12	12	—	—	—	—	12	12
Other levels	108	106	14	8	2	2	124	116
Total	**120**	**118**	**14**	**8**	**2[a]**	**2[a]**	**136**	**128**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	—
Total	**—**	**—**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**—**
Grand total	**282**	**267**	**26**	**14**	**2[a]**	**2[a]**	**310**	**283**

[a] Extrabudgetary source: Trust Fund for United Nations Disarmament Information Programme.

A. Policy-making organs

Overview

2.7 Provision is made under this subsection for requirements relating to policy-making organs, the servicing of which is the responsibility of the Department of Political Affairs and which are deemed to require specific provisions.

Table 2.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Security Council	279.8	768.1	(431.8)	(56.2)	336.3	16.5	352.8
2. Trusteeship Council	136.8	112.3	(112.3)	(100.0)	—	—	—
3. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	396.5	517.2	4.3	0.8	521.5	25.2	546.7
4. Special Committee against Apartheid and other bodies	2 005.3	689.1	(689.1)	(100.0)	—	—	—
5. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	60.1	106.5	(10.5)	(9.8)	96.0	4.7	100.7
6. Conference on Disarmament	172.4	69.9	—	—	69.9	3.3	73.2
Total	**3 050.9**	**2 263.1**	**(1 239.4)**	**(54.7)**	**1 023.7**	**49.7**	**1 073.4**

Table 2.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Posts	105.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other staff costs	—	5.9	—	—	5.9	0.2	6.1
Travel	1 061.3	934.3	(317.3)	(33.9)	617.0	29.7	646.7
Contractual services	288.0	769.6	(433.3)	(56.3)	336.3	16.5	352.8
General operating expenses	112.9	97.5	(37.2)	(38.1)	60.3	3.0	63.3
Supplies and materials	2.9	4.2	—	—	4.2	0.3	4.5
Grants and contributions	1 480.5	451.6	(451.6)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**3 050.9**	**2 263.1**	**(1 239.4)**	**(54.7)**	**1 023.7**	**49.7**	**1 073.4**

1. Security Council

Table 2.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Travel	3.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Contractual services	275.8	768.1	(431.8)	(56.2)	336.3	16.5	352.8
General operating expenses	0.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**279.8**	**768.1**	**(431.8)**	**(56.2)**	**336.3**	**16.5**	**352.8**

2.8 The Security Council, one of the principal organs of the United Nations, was established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations and is charged with the primary responsibility for maintenance of world peace and international security. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, the Council is so organized as to be able to function continuously. The Council is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Such bodies, of either fixed or indeterminate duration, meet as required.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Contractual services

2.9 A provision of $336,300 is requested for external printing requirements for issuance of the *Official Records of the Security Council* and reports of its subsidiary organs in the six official languages of the United Nations. The requirements reflect a decrease of $431,800 attributable to the introduction of the use of computer workstations and text-processing software which will permit a greater proportion of the reports of the Security Council and those of its subsidiary organs to be printed internally.

2. Trusteeship Council

Table 2.7 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Travel	127.1	97.2	(97.2)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Contractual services	0.2	1.5	(1.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
General operating expenses	9.2	13.6	(13.6)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**136.8**	**112.3**	**(112.3)**	**(100.0)**	**—**	**—**	**—**

2.10 The Trusteeship Council, composed of five Member States, is a principal organ of the United Nations established under Article 7 of the Charter of the United Nations. Its function is to assist the General Assembly and the Security Council in carrying out their responsibilities with respect to the international trusteeship system. On 2 November 1994, the Security Council, by its resolution 956 (1994), determined that the applicability of the trusteeship agreement had terminated with respect to the last Trust Territory, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau). Consequently, it is proposed to eliminate the resources specifically earmarked for the Council.

2.11 In accordance with its amended rules of procedure "the Trusteeship Council shall meet as and where occasion may require, by decision of the Trusteeship Council, or by decision of its President, or at the request of a majority of its members, or at the request of the General Assembly, or at the request of the Security Council acting in pursuance of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations". If the need arises, in the future, for the Trusteeship Council to meet, the Department of Political Affairs would provide it with the required substantive servicing. It is anticipated at this stage that this could be met within the level of resources made available for the Department.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

2.12 In view of the current circumstances, it is proposed to eliminate provision for the Trusteeship Council. Should requirements arise in future, it is estimated that they would be met within resources available to the Department.

3. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Table 2.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other staff costs	—	5.9	—	—	5.9	0.2	6.1
Travel	350.3	451.1	—	—	451.1	21.7	472.8
General operating expenses	43.6	56.0	4.3	7.6	60.3	3.0	63.3
Supplies and materials	2.6	4.2	—	—	4.2	0.3	4.5
Total	**396.5**	**517.2**	**4.3**	**0.8**	**521.5**	**25.2**	**546.7**

2.13 The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, composed of 24 Member States, is the principal subsidiary organ of the General Assembly charged with examining the application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. It has one subcommittee and a working group.

2.14 The Committee's mandate includes:

(a) Seeking suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and formulating specific proposals to that end;

(b) Making concrete suggestions to the Security Council with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

(c) Examining the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

(d) Studying the conditions in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, including the dispatch of visiting missions, and reporting thereon to the General Assembly;

(e) Enlisting world-wide support for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration;

(f) Reviewing the list of Territories to which the Declaration applies and making specific proposals to the General Assembly to that end.

2.15 In pursuance of its mandate the Special Committee may hold meetings, including some away from Headquarters, to examine the implementation of the Declaration and may send visiting missions to

Non-Self-Governing Territories. It may also hold appropriate consultations and contacts with Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Its members may participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization sponsored by non-governmental organizations as well as by the United Nations bodies concerned. In accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Special Committee promotes an international campaign for the dissemination of information on decolonization and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and reports thereon to the Assembly.

2.16 There are currently 17 Territories on the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories. The programme of work of the Special Committee is decided upon on an annual basis, taking into account relevant decisions of the General Assembly. On the basis of the scope of the Special Committee's responsibilities and its programme of work approved by the Assembly for 1995, it is anticipated that the Special Committee may carry out the following activities during the biennium 1996-1997:

(a) Sending a maximum of two visiting missions per year of two and one half weeks' duration to the Territories;

(b) Dispatching missions of representation to conferences and holding consultations and contacts on the question of decolonization with Governments, United Nations bodies, particularly specialized agencies, and international institutions associated with the United Nations (up to six missions of consultation of one week's duration each year); OAU (one mission of consultation of one week's duration each year); and the President of the Economic and Social Council during regular sessions of the Council; OAS; CARICOM and other regional institutions in the Caribbean region (up to two missions); and the South Pacific Forum and other regional institutions in the Pacific region (up to two missions);

(c) Participating each year in three conferences, seminars and other special events dealing with decolonization sponsored by non-governmental organizations and the United Nations bodies concerned;

(d) Making arrangements, in consultation with the Administering Powers and the regional organizations concerned, for the appearance before the Committee of representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

2.17 Responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee, its subsidiary bodies and its visiting and other missions as required rests with the Department of Political Affairs. Requirements in that respect are reflected under section 2C below.

2.18 Without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions on the programme of work of the Special Committee for 1996 and 1997, the estimates are based on the level of activities approved for the year 1995.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

2.19 The provision of $5,900 relates to the cost of the services of an interpreter that may be required during missions of the Committee.

Travel

2.20 Provision of $451,100 is proposed for the travel of representatives ($217,900) to undertake the activities outlined in paragraph 2.16, as well as attendance at two regional seminars (one per year) to be held in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions, within the context of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism; travel of representatives of national bodies and others ($77,300) to participate in its work and for attendance at the aforementioned seminars; and travel of staff ($155,900) to assist the Committee in carrying out the activities outlined in paragraph 2.16 and with the two regional seminars.

General operating expenses

2.21 Provision of $60,300 is proposed for the rental of premises ($8,400), rental of furniture and equipment ($23,600), communications ($6,900) and miscellaneous services ($17,100) arising during the Committee's missions and the proposed regional seminars referred to in paragraph 2.20. The increase of $4,300 would provide for hospitality expenditures of the Committee, which have hitherto been included under executive direction and management of the Department.

Supplies and materials

2.22 The provision of $4,200 would cover various supply requirements arising during missions of the Committee and the aforementioned seminars.

4. Special Committee against Apartheid and other bodies

Table 2.9 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel	512.1	209.6	(209.6)	(100.0)	—	—	—
General operating expenses	12.7	27.9	(27.9)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Grants and contributions	1 480.5	451.6	(451.6)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**2 005.3**	**689.1**	**(689.1)**	**(100.0)**	**—**	**—**	**—**

2.23 Following the decision by the General Assembly in resolution 48/258 A to terminate the mandate of the Special Committee against Apartheid, the Secretary-General submitted proposals for winding down activities relating to the elimination of apartheid and the disposition of related resources (A/C.5/49/44). These were acted upon by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/219 of 23 December 1994 after it considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/7/Add.10).

2.24 In his report (A/C.5/49/44), the Secretary-General outlined the budgetary effects of the winding down of activities relating to the elimination of apartheid, for which resources had been approved under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. The remaining appropriation in 1994-1995 ($689,100) will no longer be required.

5. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Table 2.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Travel	5.1	106.5	(10.5)	(9.8)	96.0	4.7	100.7
Contractual services	12.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
General operating expenses	43.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**60.1**	**106.5**	**(10.5)**	**(9.8)**	**96.0**	**4.7**	**100.7**

2.25 The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People was established in 1976 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975. The Committee's membership was increased from 20 to 23 by the Assembly at its thirty-first session. At its forty-ninth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 49/62 A of 14 December 1994, considered that the Committee could continue to make a valuable and positive contribution to international efforts to promote the effective implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements and to mobilize international support and assistance to the Palestinian people during the transitional period; endorsed the Committee's recommendations contained in its report to the forty-ninth session of the Assembly (A/49/35); requested the Committee to continue to keep under review the situation relating to the question of Palestine and to report and make suggestions to the Assembly or the Security Council, as appropriate; authorized the Committee to continue to exert all efforts to promote the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, to make such adjustments in its approved programme of work as it may consider appropriate and necessary in light of developments, to give special emphasis to the need to mobilize support for and assistance to the Palestinian people and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fiftieth session and thereafter; and requested the Committee to continue to extend its cooperation to non-governmental organizations in their informational and assistance-related activities, and to involve additional non-governmental organizations in its work. It is envisaged that the Committee will remain in existence until a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine has been achieved.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

2.26 The proposed estimate ($96,000) would cover the anticipated travel costs of Committee members and observers to meetings organized by the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies and other international conferences and meetings that the Committee considers appropriate to attend, as well as the sending of delegations on other missions and outreach efforts the Committee may undertake in the discharge of its mandate. Provision is also made for the travel of prominent personalities, experts and others whom the Committee decides to invite to participate in special events relating to the question of Palestine or for consultations with the Committee whenever it is considered appropriate.

6. Conference on Disarmament

Table 2.11 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	105.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel	63.6	69.9	—	—	69.9	3.3	73.2
General operating expenses	3.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**172.4**	**69.9**	**—**	**—**	**69.9**	**3.3**	**73.2**

2.27 The Conference on Disarmament is open to the 5 nuclear-weapon States and 35 other States, and is based at Geneva. In addition, 50 States not members of the Conference are regularly invited to participate in the work of the Conference, as well as its subsidiary bodies. The Conference divides its annual session into three parts and continues its negotiations on priority issues during its inter-sessional periods. Therefore, meetings take place during seven to nine months each year.

2.28 Pursuant to paragraph 120 (c) of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, following consultations with the Conference on Disarmament, appoints the Secretary-General of the Conference, who also acts as his Personal Representative, to assist the Conference and its President in organizing the Conference. As requested by the Assembly in its resolution

34/83 L of 11 December 1979 the Secretary-General provides the staff, as well as the assistance and services needed by the Conference on Disarmament and any subsidiary bodies that it might establish, in accordance with the arrangements contained in its rules of procedure. The secretariat of the Conference comprises officers of the Geneva Branch of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs.

2.29 The General Assembly has again urged all States participating in the Conference on Disarmament, in particular the nuclear-weapon States, to negotiate intensively, as a high-priority task, and to conclude a universal and multilaterally and effectively verifiable comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty which contributes to nuclear disarmament and the prevention of proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects, called for the conclusion of the negotiations for the treaty without delay, and requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to ensure the provision to the Conference of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services for these negotiations (resolution 49/70 of 15 December 1994).

2.30 At its forty-ninth session, the Assembly also recommended that the Conference on Disarmament should actively continue intensive negotiations with a view to reaching early agreement and concluding effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; requested the Conference to intensify its consideration of the question of prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects with a view to undertaking negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement or agreements; to consider continuing its work in the field of transparency in armaments; to develop a comprehensive set of practical, verifiable measures for possible negotiation in the next 5- and 10-year periods in order to reduce the nuclear threat; and to consider the formulation of principles that could serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control (resolutions 49/73, 49/74 and 49/75 C, E and O of 15 December 1995).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Travel

2.31 The resources requested ($69,900) relate to travel and subsistence costs for staff of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs detailed from Headquarters to Geneva to provide substantive servicing to the Conference on Disarmament ($27,900), as well as for staff based at Geneva to attend consultative meetings in New York with respect to the activities of the Conference on Disarmament ($42,000).

B. Executive direction and management

Overview

2.32 Provision is made under this subsection for requirements relating to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and the offices of the two Assistant Secretaries-General, which render necessary support.

Table 2.12 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Executive direction and management	5 441.1	5 603.6	(1 753.4)	(31.2)	3 850.2	173.5	4 023.7

Table 2.13 **Summary by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 236.7	4 767.9	(1 318.4)	(27.6)	3 449.5	154.4	3 603.9
Other staff costs	138.6	154.7	(119.9)	(77.5)	34.8	1.6	36.4
Consultants and experts	88.9	95.0	(28.6)	(30.1)	66.4	3.2	69.6
Travel	574.8	422.5	(230.9)	(54.6)	191.6	9.2	200.8
Contractual services	1.0	0.8	(0.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
General operating expenses	282.4	162.7	(54.8)	(33.6)	107.9	5.1	113.0
Supplies and materials	30.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	88.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**5 441.1**	**5 603.6**	**(1 753.4)**	**(31.2)**	**3 850.2**	**173.5**	**4 023.7**

Table 2.14 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
ASG	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
D-1	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	1
P-5	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
P-4/3	5	4	—	—	—	—	5	4
P-2/1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**14**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other levels	14	11	1	—	—	—	15	11
Total	**14**	**11**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**11**
Grand total	**28**	**21**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**29**	**21**

2.33 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall policy direction, supervision and management of the Department. In the exercise of his responsibilities, he is assisted by two assistant secretaries-general. One Assistant Secretary-General supervises the General Assembly Affairs Division and assists the Under-Secretary-General in discharging his responsibilities in the field of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking in the Americas, East Asia and the Pacific and Europe relating to subprogramme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, and 3, Research, collection and analysis of information, of programme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information, programme 3, General Assembly affairs, programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, and programme 5, Question of Palestine. The other Assistant Secretary-General assists the Under-Secretary-General in discharging his responsibilities in the political field, including preventive diplomacy and peacemaking in Africa and West Asia, supervises the Security Council Affairs Division and is responsible for the implementation of the activities that fall under

subprogrammes 1 and 3 of programme 1, programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, and programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization.

2.34 The newly consolidated Department consists of 13 major organizational units, as follows: the Office of the Under-Secretary-General; the two Offices of the Assistant Secretaries-General; the Africa I Division; the Africa II Division; the Americas Division; the East Asia and the Pacific Division; the Europe Division; the West Asia Division; the Centre for Disarmament Affairs; the General Assembly Affairs Division; the Security Council Affairs Division; and the Executive Office.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.35 The estimated requirements would provide for the continuation in 1996-1997 of the current staffing structure of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, namely, one USG, one D-1, one P-4, one P-3 and five General Service (Other level) posts; and, for each of the two Offices of the Assistant Secretaries-General, one ASG, one P-5, one P-3 and three General Service (Other level) posts.

2.36 Following the consolidation during 1994-1995 of the two parts of the Department under a single Under-Secretary-General, a further streamlining has been possible which would result in the following redeployments from executive direction and management: one D-1 and two General Service (Other level) posts to the Africa II Division; one D-1 post to the Security Council Affairs Division for the chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch; one General Service (Other level) post to the West Asia Division to strengthen its secretarial support; one P-4 post to the General Assembly Affairs Division to provide secretariat services to various working groups established by the General Assembly; one P-4 post to the Division for Palestinian Rights; and one General Service (Other level) temporary post to the Security Council Affairs Division. At the same time, a P-3 post is proposed for redeployment from programme support. Resources approved for its former Coordination and Report Unit, subsumed within these requirements, were redeployed as follows: one P-5 post to the Africa II Division; one General Service (Other level) post to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General; and one General Service (Other level) temporary post to the Security Council Affairs Division.

Other staff costs

2.37 Provision is proposed for general temporary assistance ($11,200) and overtime ($23,600). The reduction of $119,900 relates to the proposed redeployment of resources for general temporary assistance to General Assembly affairs ($43,800) and Security Council affairs ($34,400), and overtime ($41,700) to General Assembly affairs.

Consultants and experts

2.38 The proposed provision of $66,400 relates to expertise required in connection with the ongoing upgrade of the Department's information technology requirements.

Travel

2.39 The estimated requirements of $191,600 relate to travel required in connection with the Department's work in the fields of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, including obtaining on-the-spot information, participating in fact-finding and other missions, accompanying special representatives/envoys of the Secretary-General, attendance at meetings of regional organizations and participation in conferences and seminars.

General operating expenses

2.40 The estimated requirements of $107,900 would provide for hospitality ($5,200) and communications ($102,700).

C. Programme of work

Overview

2.41 The merger of the two parts of the Department of Political Affairs, implemented in 1994-1995 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/231, resulted in further streamlining of the Department, enabling the Under-Secretary-General to direct and supervise the work of the Department in a more efficient manner. The reorganization has improved programme delivery in the following ways:

(a) It ensures clear and consistent chains of command and a more systematic and focused exercise by the Secretariat of its preventive and peacemaking functions;

(b) It allows, through the two Africa Divisions, for more adequate coverage of the fast-developing and dramatic changes taking place in Africa and for more effective political support to the United Nations peace-keeping operations deployed in that continent;

(c) It ensures a clear allocation of responsibility for each country, regional organization and situation, thus facilitating the Department's interaction with other units in the Secretariat (especially the Department of Peace-keeping Operations and the Department of Humanitarian Affairs), the programmes, funds and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, representatives of Member States and the non-governmental organizations and academic communities, all of which are important sources of the information and analysis required by the Department;

(d) It provides for an adequate number of officials to handle the considerable volume of consultations with Member States at the senior level, which are an important and necessary part of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking;

(e) It permits, through a "desk" structure organized on a country-by-country basis, in-depth analysis of situations, which in turn facilitates the preparation of comprehensive briefing material for the Secretary-General;

(f) It enhances the quality and consistency of the secretariat services being provided to the General Assembly, the Security Council and other relevant intergovernmental bodies;

(g) It increases the efficiency of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs and furthers the integration of its activities with those of the other divisions in the Department dealing with preventive diplomacy and peacemaking.

2.42 The estimated percentage distribution of resources under this subsection in 1996-1997 would be as reflected below:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
1.	Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking	34.1	–
2.	General Assembly affairs	8.8	–
3.	Security Council affairs	17.6	–
4.	Disarmament	27.1	74.7
5.	Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections	4.5	25.3
6.	Question of Palestine	7.9	–
7.	Other programmes	–	–
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 2.15 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking	5 573.4	8 357.3	8 075.4	96.6	16 432.7	957.3	17 390.0
2. General Assembly affairs	3 847.2	1 708.3	2 534.5	148.3	4 242.8	229.4	4 472.2
3. Security Council affairs	6 663.8	7 020.5	1 496.0	21.3	8 516.5	413.2	8 929.7
4. Disarmament	11 951.4	12 990.8	88.0	0.6	13 078.8	741.6	13 820.4
5. Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections	688.7	1 969.0	198.9	10.1	2 167.9	124.0	2 291.9
6. Question of Palestine	3 809.5	4 429.3	(579.2)	(13.0)	3 850.1	181.8	4 031.9
7. Other programmes							
(a) Research and collection of information	676.4	1 070.2	(1 070.2)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(b) Special political questions (UNARDOL)	—	893.8	(893.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(c) Special political questions	1 631.1	2 624.5	(2 624.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(d) Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking	167.3	971.1	(971.1)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(e) Regional political and security cooperation and trusteeship and decolonization	3 034.4	3 646.8	(3 646.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(f) Elimination of apartheid	4 389.6	3 869.7	(3 869.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**42 432.8**	**49 551.3**	**(1 262.5)**	**(2.5)**	**48 288.8**	**2 647.3**	**50 936.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) Other United Nations organizations	—
416.7	571.7	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	142.3
416.7	**571.7**		**142.3**
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 021.1	217.9	Trust Fund for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme	233.0
194.8	390.7	Trust Fund for Public Awareness on Disarmament Issues	410.2
801.8	234.6	Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities	254.0
500.0	608.2	Trust Fund for Interest on the Contribution to the United Nations Special Account	400.0
208.0	6 370.4	United Nations Trust Fund for Electoral Observation	1 333.0
6.3	186.0	Trust Fund for Publicity against Apartheid	—
2 732.0	**8 007.8**		**2 630.2**
		(c) Operational projects	
323.5	142.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa	133.8
154.9	99.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	145.3
396.7	40.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific	40.0
1 433.7	2 187.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research	2 187.3
4 330.0	2 130.5	United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa	—
11 138.6	5 000.0	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	—
1 534.7	255.0	United Nations Fund for Namibia	—
19 312.1	**9 854.4**		**2 506.4**
22 460.8	**18 433.9**		**5 278.9**
64 893.6	**67 985.2**		**56 215.0**

Table 2.16 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	34 439.0	41 791.1	(1 440.4)	(3.4)	40 350.7	2 286.1	42 636.8
Other staff costs	2 520.3	866.8	406.5	46.8	1 273.3	61.4	1 334.7
Consultants and experts	1 023.0	1 599.3	(267.8)	(16.7)	1 331.5	64.2	1 395.7
Travel	1 425.0	1 750.3	172.8	9.8	1 923.1	92.9	2 016.0
Contractual services	223.3	294.5	(10.1)	(3.4)	284.4	13.8	298.2
General operating expenses	556.5	1 001.9	(214.7)	(21.4)	787.2	37.1	824.3
Supplies and materials	96.6	135.6	(39.2)	(28.9)	96.4	4.9	101.3
Equipment	741.4	522.9	130.4	24.9	653.3	31.2	684.5
Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 407.7	1 588.9	—	—	1 588.9	55.7	1 644.6
Total	**42 432.8**	**49 551.3**	**(1 262.5)**	**(2.5)**	**48 288.8**	**2 647.3**	**50 936.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
317.0	467.4	Posts	177.0
1 913.7	1 953.7	Other staff costs	1 771.1
80.9	645.7	Consultants and experts	626.0
1 647.9	1 691.7	Travel	1 398.2
538.6	629.7	Contractual services	543.7
1 342.1	320.5	General operating expenses	309.9
0.7	34.0	Supplies and materials	32.7
—	—	Furniture	—
100.0	139.4	Equipment	111.1
16 432.1	12 489.3	Fellowships, grants, contributions	309.2
87.8	62.5	Other expenditures	—
22 460.8	**18 433.9**		**5 278.9**
64 893.6	**67 985.2**		**56 215.0**

Table 2.17 **Post requirements**

Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
D-1	17	16	1	1	—	—	18	17
P-5	36	35	4	3	—	—	40	38
P-4/3	63	62	3	2	—	—	66	64
P-2/1	15	12	—	—	—	—	15	12
Total	**141**	**135**	**8**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**149**	**141**
General Service category								
Principal level	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
Other levels	82	88	13	8	2	2	97	98
Total	**91**	**97**	**13**	**8**	**2**	**2**	**106**	**107**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	—
Total	**—**	**—**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**—**
Grand total	**232**	**232**	**25**	**14**	**2**	**2**	**259**	**248**

1. Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

Table 2.18 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 236.4	8 021.0	7 375.6	91.9	15 396.6	906.8	16 303.4
Other staff costs	202.3	132.6	82.0	61.8	214.6	10.5	225.1
Consultants and experts	10.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel	67.1	13.0	446.1	3 331.5	459.1	22.2	481.3
Contractual services	12.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
General operating expenses	—	190.7	—	—	190.7	9.4	200.1
Equipment	44.7	—	171.7	—	171.7	8.4	180.1
Fellowships, grants, contributions	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**5 573.4**	**8 357.3**	**8 075.4**	**96.6**	**16 432.7**	**957.3**	**17 390.0**

Table 2.19 **Post requirements**

Programme: Preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	4	6	—	—	—	—	4	6
D-1	4	7	—	—	—	—	4	7
P-5	8	13	—	2	—	—	8	15
P-4/3	14	25	—	1	—	—	14	26
P-2/1	2	5	—	—	—	—	2	5
Total	**32**	**56**	**—**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**32**	**59**
General Service category								
Other levels	14	32	—	—	—	—	14	32
Total	**14**	**32**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**32**
Grand total	**46**	**88**	**—**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**46**	**91**

2.43 Under the direct supervision of the Under-Secretary-General, supported by the two Assistant Secretaries-General, the six regional divisions in the Department of Political Affairs, the Africa I Division, the Africa II Division, the Americas Division, the East Asia and the Pacific Division, the Europe Division and the West Asia Division, are responsible for activities implemented under this subsection, relating to subprogrammes 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, and 3, Research, collection and analysis of information, of programme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peacekeeping, research and the collection and analysis of information, as well as subprogrammes 1, Special political questions, and 2, Regional, political and security cooperation, of programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised.

2.44 The Africa I and Africa II divisions were created as a result of the merger of the two parts of the Department in March 1994. The consolidation placed activities carried out by various units of the former structure relating to subprogrammes 1 and 3 of programme 1 as well as subprogrammes 1 and 2 of programme 4 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, under the Divisions. The establishment of the two new regional divisions increased the number of regional divisions in the Department to six.

2.45 The work of the Divisions is distributed as follows: (a) the Africa I Division has responsibilities relating to 23 countries and territories in eastern and southern Africa; (b) the Africa II Division carries out activities relating to 31 countries and territories in northern, western and central Africa; (c) the Americas Division implements activities relating to 36 countries and territories in North and South America and the Caribbean; (d) the East Asia and the Pacific Division carries out activities relating to 37 countries and territories in east Asia and the Pacific; (e) the Europe Division carries out activities relating to 48 countries and territories in Europe; and (f) the West Asia Division carries out activities relating to 19 countries and territories in west and central Asia. The Divisions also monitor and maintain close cooperation with regional and subregional organizations, as described in the activities below.

Programme 1
Good offices, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information

Subprogramme 1
Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

2.46 Guided by the objectives set out in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, including Assembly resolutions 47/120 A and B of 18 December 1992 and 20 September 1993 on An Agenda for Peace, the orientation of this subprogramme is:

(a) To provide the Secretary-General with information and political analysis on developing situations that could have an adverse effect on international peace and security or could otherwise require the Secretary-General's attention;

(b) To advise the Secretary-General on action that he might take on his own initiative or recommend for the approval of the General Assembly or the Security Council in order to prevent or contain adverse consequences resulting from a given situation;

(c) To assist the Secretary-General in implementing such action taken on his own initiative or mandated by the General Assembly or the Security Council.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices and fact-finding

(a) Identification of potential crisis areas and provision of early warning to the Secretary-General on developments and situations affecting international peace and security;

(b) Monitoring of potential conflict areas, collecting, updating and analysing related information;

(c) Maintenance and expansion of links with other United Nations offices and departments and other relevant institutes and experts;

(d) Preparation of and participation in fact-finding, peacemaking and other missions to areas of actual or potential conflict where the Secretary-General's preventive and peacemaking efforts may be needed or are already engaged;

(e) Provision of political guidance and support to Special Representatives and other persons appointed by the Secretary-General to assist his preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping efforts.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation (including official records).* Reports to the General Assembly and the Security Council on various peace and security questions;

(b) *Substantive services.* Provision of substantive background information and advice to the President of the General Assembly and to the representative of the Secretary-General in the Security Council, as required.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Liaison, consultations and, as required, negotiations with Member States at their permanent missions at Headquarters or in their capitals;

(b) Maintenance of contacts with non-governmental organizations and academic institutions world wide and participation in seminars and academic meetings relevant to the regions and to preventive diplomacy and peacemaking;

(c) Maintenance of contacts and consultations with representatives of regional and subregional organizations concerned, with a view to strengthening cooperative relations with them;

(d) Preparation of analytical briefs and in-depth studies focused on emerging trends bearing on peace and security and draft reports to the General Assembly and the Security Council, as well as briefing notes, background papers, personal profiles and talking points and assessments on relevant political questions for official visits by the Secretary-General and senior United Nations officials and for high-level meetings at Headquarters for the Secretary-General.

Subprogramme 3
Research, collection and analysis of information

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices and fact-finding*

(i) Monitoring developments on a daily basis, collecting and analysing information on the following categorizations: situations in which the United Nations is actively involved; situations of armed conflict with no United Nations involvement; situations of high-level tension; situations of low-level tension; and situations of relatively stable countries with emerging elements of instability;

(ii) Bringing promptly to the attention of the Secretary-General and his senior officials developments in any situation that pose a threat to peace and security, and recommending appropriate responses in exercising preventive diplomacy;

(iii) Provision of up-to-date information and analyses on all situations in support of the peacemaking efforts of the Secretary-General and his senior officials;

(iv) Research and reports on issues that affect peace and security, including the issuance of periodic reports on the trend and state of conflict situations in relevant African countries and on the continent as a whole;

(v) Maintenance of an up-to-date database in support of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking;

(vi) Undertaking of fact-finding missions aimed at supporting research and analysis for early warning and preventive diplomacy, particularly with respect to decisions on policy options;

(b) *External relations*

(i) Focal point for contacts with institutions engaged in conflict resolution and research on early warning and preventive diplomacy;

(ii) Participation and/or organization of seminars on early warning and preventive diplomacy.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the General Assembly and Security Council as requested on various questions.

3. Information materials and services

(a) Briefing notes, background papers and talking points for the Secretary-General's official visits and for his meetings at Headquarters;

(b) Lectures and seminars at Headquarters and elsewhere as required.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Coordination and liaison with other units in the Secretariat;

(b) Liaison and, as required, negotiations with the permanent missions of Member States;

(c) Establishment and maintenance of contacts with regional organizations, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and members of the academic community interested in the regions concerned; and participation in seminars and other events and activities organized by them.

Programme 4
Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization

Subprogramme 1
Special political questions

2.47 The activities carried out under subprogramme 1 of programme 4 cover a broad range of special questions of a political nature with particular emphasis on Africa, in the context of Chapter VI of the Charter, relative to pacific settlement of disputes. Activities carried out include monitoring political and other developments and rendering assistance to the Secretary-General with regard to his responsibilities relating to the peaceful settlement of disputes and the political aspects of peace-keeping operations.

2.48 Close contact and cooperation will be monitored with regional, interregional and subregional organizations, associations and conferences having observer status or other recognized status with the United Nations, notably OAU, the front-line States and SADC, on matters of concern to the United Nations in accordance with General Assembly resolutions.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Good offices, fact-finding, peacemaking and conflict resolution*

(i) Monitoring developments and preparing critical analyses on specific political issues relating to pacific settlement procedures;

(ii) Responsibility for political aspects of peace-keeping operations;

(iii) Maintenance and development of cooperation with OAU, SADC and the front-line States through joint meetings, consultations, liaison and attendance at meetings held by them, particularly the meetings of the Council of Ministers and summit meetings of OAU;

(b) *External relations*. Liaison functions with regional and interregional organizations, associations and conferences regarding political matters of importance to the United Nations will include:

(i) Maintenance and development of cooperation with the secretariats of regional and interregional organizations, associations and conferences as well as with non-governmental organizations. Cooperation will be carried out through joint meetings, consultations and other forms of liaison with their respective secretariats and through exchange of information and data;

(ii) Advice to United Nations organizations and agencies on African issues, particularly with regard to new initiatives called for in relevant United Nations resolutions;

(iii) Attendance at the annual ministerial and summit meetings of African regional and subregional organizations.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Although the specific reporting requirements in the biennium might vary in accordance with developments, it is anticipated that reports of the Secretary-General required for submission to the General Assembly will include cooperation between the United Nations and various regional and interregional organizations. Preparation of reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on key African questions will also be carried out;

(b) *Substantive services*

(i) Organization and preparation of background documentation on general or interorganizational meetings as called for under relevant General Assembly resolutions, particularly in the context of cooperation between the United Nations and OAU;

(ii) Preparation of pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation, including working papers and reports concerning the meetings between the United Nations system and regional organizations, particularly OAU.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Liaison with the departments entrusted with responsibility for political, peace-keeping and humanitarian questions, as well as with delegations;

(b) Liaison with departments responsible for international economic cooperation with reference to political aspects of regional, economic and social issues in Africa.

Subprogramme 2
Regional, political and security cooperation

2.49 The objective of subprogramme 2 of programme 4 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, continues to be the promotion of the implementation of the relevant provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter, entitled "Regional arrangements". In that respect, maintenance of effective general cooperation will continue with the secretariats of the regional and interregional organizations, associations and conferences dealing with political matters of concern to the United Nations.

2.50 Activities will also include in particular: monitoring the work of subregional, regional and interregional organizations, associations and conferences having observer status or other recognized status with the United Nations; and maintaining close cooperation with them, notably OSCE, LAS, OIC, OAS and others, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices and fact-finding*. Monitoring the activities of regional organizations and preparing political analysis of those activities;

(b) *External relations*. Maintaining and developing cooperation with the secretariats of regional and interregional organizations, notably OSCE, LAS and all its related organizations, OIC and OAS, as well as organizations operating in the Caribbean, including CARICOM and CDCC, the South Pacific Forum and the South Pacific Commission and related organizations, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Commonwealth. Cooperation will be maintained through joint meetings, consultations and other forms of liaison with their respective secretariats; and attendance at their annual meetings of Foreign Ministers and summit meetings, where appropriate.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and OSCE;

(ii) Report of the Secretary-General on a zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic;

(iii) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region;

(iv) Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations and LAS; the general meeting between the United Nations system and LAS and its specialized organizations; and the sectoral meeting between the United Nations system and LAS and its specialized organizations;

(v) Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations and OIC; the general meeting between the United Nations system and OIC and its specialized institutions; the meeting of the focal points of the lead agencies of the United Nations system and OIC and its specialized institutions; the sectoral meeting between the United Nations system and OIC and its specialized institutions;

(vi) Five reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations and OAS;

(vii) Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the general meeting between the United Nations and OAS and on the sectoral meetings between the United Nations and OAS;

(b) *Substantive services*

(i) One general meeting and two sectoral meetings between the United Nations system and LAS and its specialized organizations;

(ii) One meeting of the Focal Points of the Lead Agencies and one general meeting and two sectoral meetings between the United Nations system and OIC and its specialized institutions;

(iii) General meeting between the United Nations and OAS;

(c) Technical (secretariat) services are provided for the meetings mentioned in 2 (b) above.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

The implementation of subprogramme 2 requires permanent coordination with United Nations specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations, as they often contribute in their respective fields of competence to most schemes of cooperation with regional organizations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.51 The staffing table of the six regional divisions devoted to preventive diplomacy and peacemaking would include 56 Professional and above (6 D-2, 7 D-1, 13 P-5, 25 P-4/3 and 5 P-2) and 32 General Service (Other level) established posts as well as 3 temporary Professional (2 P-5 and 1 P-4/3) posts consisting of posts redeployed within the Department following its further restructuring in March 1994 (with the exception of 1 D-1 and 1 General Service (Other level) post proposed for abolition from the Africa I and Africa II Divisions, respectively), and released from the termination of apartheid-related activities. One P-3 and four General Service (Other level) temporary posts are proposed for conversion to established posts in view of the continuing nature of the activities. The distribution of posts by Division would be as follows:

	Africa I Division	*Africa II Division*	*Americas Division*	*East Asia and Pacific Division*	*Europe Division*	*West Asia Division*
Professional category and above						
D-2	1	1	1	1	1	1
D-1	1	1	1	1	2	1
P-5	2	4	4	1	2	2
P-4/3	4	5	3	4	5	5
P-2/1	1	1	—	1	1	1
Subtotal	**9**	**12**	**9**	**8**	**11**	**10**
General Service category						
Other levels	6	6	5	4	5	6
Total	**15**	**18**	**14**	**12**	**16**	**16**

Other staff costs

2.52 A provision of $214,600, reflecting an increase of $82,000, is proposed in connection with continued requirements for overtime ($132,600) owing to the nature of the activities which frequently requires work to be done outside normal working hours, and for general temporary assistance ($82,000) for temporary replacement of staff on maternity and extended sick leave and for supplementary staff during peak workload periods.

Travel

2.53 The proposed provision of $459,100, which reflects an increase of $446,100 redeployed in part from executive direction and management ($230,900) and programme support ($86,500), relates to travel of

staff attending meetings of regional organizations and participating in conferences and seminars in the area of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, undertaking fact-finding and other missions, as well as accompanying special representatives/envoys of the Secretary-General.

General operating expenses

2.54 Requirements of $190,700 are estimated for communications, owing to the volume of long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles required for work in the preventive diplomacy and peacemaking fields, and for access to various electronic news services.

Equipment

2.55 A provision of $171,700 for 1996-1997 would cover the acquisition of office automation equipment such as specialized workstations to provide instant access to information on events around the world, specialized laptop computers for use during assignments or fact-finding missions away from Headquarters, where maintenance of contact through E-mail and access to information on databases within the Department is necessary, and the upgrade of existing equipment.

2. General Assembly affairs

Table 2.20 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 849.0	1 634.9	2 320.4	141.9	3 955.3	215.4	4 170.7
Other staff costs	954.2	73.4	86.7	118.1	160.1	7.9	168.0
Consultants and experts	16.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel	4.7	—	8.4	—	8.4	0.4	8.8
Contractual services	5.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
General operating expenses	14.3	—	27.5	—	27.5	1.3	28.8
Supplies and materials	2.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	0.1	—	91.5	—	91.5	4.4	95.9
Fellowships, grants, contributions	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**3 847.2**	**1 708.3**	**2 534.5**	**148.3**	**4 242.8**	**229.4**	**4 472.2**

Table 2.21 **Post requirements**

Programme: General Assembly affairs

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-5	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-4/3	1	7	—	—	—	—	1	7
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**5**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**13**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	3	11	—	—	—	—	3	11
Total	**5**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**13**
Grand total	**10**	**26**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**26**

2.56 This subsection covers activities relating to programme 3, General Assembly affairs, and subprogramme 3, Trusteeship and decolonization, of programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, of the medium-term plan for 1992-1997, as revised, and implemented by the General Assembly Affairs Division. Activities and resources relating to programme 5, Question of Palestine, for which responsibility also rests with the Division, are discussed in section 2.C.6 below.

2.57 The General Assembly Affairs Division provides secretariat services to the plenary meetings of the General Assembly, the Fourth Committee and other intergovernmental bodies concerned with issues of decolonization, as well as the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. It also serves as secretariat for various ad hoc bodies such as the Open-ended Working Group on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council.

2.58 The pattern of General Assembly meetings has changed dramatically. Although it continues to perform most of its work during its regular sessions, from September to December, the Assembly now meets with increasing frequency during the rest of the year. A precedent was set when, for the first time since the establishment of the United Nations, the Assembly met every month during its forty-seventh session. This pattern was repeated with its forty-eighth session, during which approximately 20 per cent of its meetings were held from January to September 1994, with a record of six meetings during July.

2.59 The increase in the number of items on the agenda of the General Assembly is due mainly to items relating to budgetary and administrative matters. There has also been an increase in the volume of work of its formal and informal working groups, which the Assembly mandates its President to establish.

Programme 3
General Assembly affairs

Subprogramme
General Assembly affairs

2.60 The activities under this subprogramme are carried out by the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch. The Office of the Director of the General Assembly Affairs Division is responsible for supervising and coordinating all the activities of the subprogramme.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Preparation and submission for issuance of all documents relating to the organization of the General Assembly and its provisional and final agendas — the preliminary list of items, the provisional agenda, the supplementary list of items, the list of additional items, the memorandum of the Secretary-General on the organization of the work of the Assembly, reports of the General Committee to the Assembly, the state of preparation of Assembly documentation; the list of resolutions and texts of decisions adopted by the Assembly and the annotated preliminary list and its addendum; preparation and submission for issuance of all documents relating to ad hoc working groups and conferences, such as reports and draft resolutions of the working groups on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and on An Agenda for Peace, as well as the high-level meeting on cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations;

(b) *Substantive services.* Meetings and consultations of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly; the working groups on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council, on An Agenda for Peace, and on revitalization of the General Assembly; high-level meetings on cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations; and meetings of the International Conference on New or Restored Democracies;

(c) *Technical (secretariat) services.* Planning and organization of activities and services related to the sessions of the General Assembly; assistance to the President of the Assembly on all matters relating to the conduct of the Assembly, including the work of the Main Committees and subsidiary organs; advice to Member States and other delegations, as well as to the President of the Assembly and to officials of other Secretariat units concerned with the work of the Assembly; planning, establishment and coordination of lists of speakers for the general debate and the consideration of agenda items by the Assembly; advice to those responsible for documentation for the Assembly on matters relating to the *Official Records of the General Assembly*; ensuring that Assembly documents prepared by the Secretariat and those emanating from Member States or subsidiary bodies of the Assembly are clear, comprehensible and correct; approval of documents for issuance in accordance with the appropriate legislative mandate; advice to permanent missions on communications distributed as official parliamentary documents; provision of secretariat services to subsidiary bodies and working groups of the Assembly and special conferences and meetings; and identifying Secretariat units and United Nations programmes responsible for implementation of General Assembly resolutions and decisions.

2. Published material

Recurrent publications. Annual *Information for Delegations* handbook in connection with regular sessions of the General Assembly; and preparation of relevant sections of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*.

3. Conference services

Maintenance of a reference system on General Assembly practices, precedents, rules of procedure and subsidiary organs, and maintenance of a reference library.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Coordination of activities and services related to the organization of sessions of the General Assembly within the Secretariat, *inter alia*, with the Office of Conference and Support Services, as well as between the Secretariat and delegations, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies; coordination with substantive units and the secretariats of the Main Committees on questions related to the servicing of the Assembly, including scheduling; coordination with substantive units on the establishment and appointment of members to subsidiary organs of the Assembly; coordination of production of Assembly documents by the Secretariat, including the establishment and maintenance of the schedule of documentation for current and future sessions; and coordination with author departments and offices and with the Office of Conference and Support Services to ensure timely submission, processing and issuance of documentation;

(b) Coordination of activities and services related to the organization of sessions of ad hoc working groups of the General Assembly and conferences;

(c) Maintenance of contacts with regional organizations, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and members of the academic community on issues within the purview of the Division, and participation in seminars and other activities organized by them;

(d) Liaison with the permanent missions of Member States.

Programme 4
Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization

Subprogramme 3
Trusteeship and decolonization

2.61 Activities to be carried out under this subprogramme will depend on the programme of work of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and its subsidiary bodies, which is approved annually by the General Assembly. Subject to any directives that the Assembly may give at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions in respect of the Special Committee's programme of work, the General Assembly Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch will continue to assist the Special Committee in the implementation of its mandate.

2.62 The Branch will also continue to provide substantive services to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) of the General Assembly and to the Trusteeship Council, should it meet.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Consultation and exchange of information between the United Nations, OAU, OAS, other organizations operating in CARICOM, including CDCC, the South Pacific Commission and the South Pacific Forum and related organizations, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Commonwealth on matters relating to the implementation of various resolutions on decolonization; and liaison with non-governmental organizations in the field of decolonization.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation (including official records)*

(i) Annual reports to the General Assembly on information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations; implementation by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories; action taken during the International Decade for the Eradication

of Colonialism (1995), as well as suggestions and trends that emerge from the deliberations of United Nations organs and the specialized agencies on implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

(ii) Annual reports for the Special Committee on the political, economic and social conditions in each of the following Non-Self-Governing Territories: American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, East Timor, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Gibraltar, Guam, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands and Western Sahara; on activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination in the following Territories: Anguilla, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands; and on military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration in the following Territories: Bermuda, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands;

(iii) Contribution to the annual report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the question of Western Sahara;

(b) *Substantive services*

(i) Substantive servicing of one session each year of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) of the General Assembly; of meetings of the Special Committee, including regional seminars away from Headquarters, the Subcommittee on Small Territories, Petitions, Information and Assistance and the working groups of the Special Committee (approximately 30 official meetings and about 15 informal meetings each year); and visiting missions of the Special Committee to the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

(ii) Organization and substantive servicing of one regional seminar per year (1996 and 1997) in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions, respectively, in accordance with the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

3. Published material

Recurrent publications. Preparation and publication of studies and monographs in the field of decolonization in a series entitled *Decolonization*.

4. Information materials and services

Substantive assistance to and organization in cooperation with the Department of Public Information of various information projects and publications relating to decolonization as follows: booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits — briefings on matters relating to decolonization to delegations and organizations; exhibits and other visual materials — periodic exhibits of visual displays and posters on decolonization; production of documentary films and slide sets; and radio programmes on decolonization.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Cooperation with the Department of Public Information in the dissemination of information on decolonization of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

(b) Liaison throughout the biennium with permanent missions of the administering Powers on matters relating to Territories under their administration, particularly in respect of the provision of documents called for by Article 73 *e* of the Charter;

(c) Liaison with specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations on issues relating to decolonization;

(d) Coordination, when appropriate, of assistance by the specialized agencies to the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

(e) Official transmission to all United Nations Member States and members of the Special Committee, as appropriate, on issues relating to decolonization;

(f) The receipt, classification and indexing of all documents relating to Non-Self-Governing Territories, including information transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter, and responses to requests for information from delegations and organizations on matters relating to the work of the Department (throughout the biennium).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.63 The estimated requirements of $3,955,300 relate to the Office of the Director and the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch, and the General Assembly Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch of the General Assembly Affairs Division, created following the consolidation of the Department in 1994-1995. The distribution of posts among these three units would be as follows:

	Office of the Director	*General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch*	*General Assembly Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch*
Professional category and above			
D-2	1	—	—
D-1	—	1	1
P-5	—	1	1
P-4/3	—	4	3
P-2/1	—	1	—
Subtotal	**1**	**7**	**5**
General Service category	**1**	**8**	**4**
Total	**2**	**15**	**9**

2.64 The net increase in posts reflects essentially the revised structure of the Division proposed by the Secretary-General in annex III of his report (A/C.5/49/44) and subsequently approved by the General Assembly. Although it was proposed in that report that the Office of the Director, the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch and the General Assembly Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch (formerly the Decolonization Secretariat Services Branch) would consist of a total of 15 posts in the Professional category and above and 13 General Service posts, for reasons of efficiency and upon further review, it is proposed that one P-5 and one P-4 be abolished from the former Decolonization Secretariat Services Branch and one P-3 post redeployed from the Division for Palestinian Rights in exchange for a P-2 post to the Security Council Affairs Division.

Other staff costs

2.65 The provision of $160,100, redeployed in part from the Offices of the Under-Secretary-General and the Assistant Secretary-General, would provide for general temporary assistance ($82,000) and overtime ($78,100) during peak workload periods.

Travel

2.66 The estimated requirements of $8,400 would provide for travel of staff for consultations concerning the work of the General Assembly.

General operating expenses

2.67 The proposed estimates of $27,500, redeployed from the Security Council Affairs Division, relate to communications requirements in connection with long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles in relation to the activities of the General Assembly.

Equipment

2.68 The estimated requirements ($91,500) relate to acquisition of office automation equipment, including specialized workstations, specialized laptop computers for use during assignments away from Headquarters and attendance at meetings, and printers. The Division is expected to benefit from expanded connections between its offices in the Secretariat and the General Assembly Hall.

3. Security Council affairs

Table 2.22 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 239.5	6 872.7	1 274.6	18.5	8 147.3	395.7	8 543.0
Other staff costs	371.2	74.8	101.6	135.8	176.4	8.2	184.6
Consultants and experts	—	—	28.6	—	28.6	1.5	30.1
Travel	23.1	16.8	(8.4)	(50.0)	8.4	0.4	8.8
Contractual services	29.5	1.2	(1.2)	(100.0)	—	—	—
General operating expenses	—	55.0	(27.5)	(50.0)	27.5	1.3	28.8
Supplies and materials	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	—	—	128.3	—	128.3	6.1	134.4
Total	**6 663.8**	**7 020.5**	**1 496.0**	**21.3**	**8 516.5**	**413.2**	**8 929.7**

Table 2.23 **Post requirements**

Programme: Security Council affairs

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-1	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3
P-5	6	6	1	1	—	—	7	7
P-4/3	11	11	1	1	—	—	12	12
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**22**	**24**	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**24**	**26**
General Service category								
Principal level	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Other levels	14	18	4	7	—	—	18	25
Total	**17**	**21**	**4**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**28**
Grand total	**39**	**45**	**6**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**45**	**54**

2.69 The Security Council Affairs Division is responsible for implementing programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised. The Division provides secretariat services to the Security Council and its subsidiary organs and consists of three branches: the

Security Council Secretariat Services Branch, the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch and the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch.

2.70 The Security Council, one of the principal organs of the United Nations, was established under Article 7 of the Charter and is charged with primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. As specified in Article 28 of the Charter, it is so organized as to be able to function continuously. It is authorized, under Article 29 of the Charter, to establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. Such bodies, of either fixed or indeterminate duration, meet as required. During recent years there has been a substantial increase in the frequency of meetings of the Council and its various subsidiary organs.

2.71 Because of the expansion in the work of the Security Council, resulting in daily meetings and consultations on a continuous basis, and of the sanctions committees, the Division's workload has increased substantially. The secretariat of the Council services the meetings and consultations of the Council and of its working groups for the greater part of the day and often beyond normal working hours. Following the conclusion of the Council's activities on any given day, its secretariat also dedicates another four to six hours to related work. It is proposed, therefore, to continue the temporary posts approved in the biennium 1994-1995, namely one P-5, one P-4 and four General Service (Other level).

2.72 The continuing expansion in the work of the Security Council is demonstrated in the following table:

Activity of the Security Council, 1988-1994

	1988	*1990*	*1992*	*1994*
Formal meetings	55	70	133	165
Informal consultations	62	80	188	273
Resolutions	20	37	74	77
Presidential statements	8	32	94	82

2.73 During the biennium 1996-1997, the Security Council Affairs Division will continue to provide substantive services to the Security Council and its subsidiary organs, including any subsidiary organ that may be created during the plan period; provide, as required, substantive services for missions and meetings of the Security Council away from Headquarters; maintain necessary liaison with delegations and with other United Nations bodies as well as other intergovernmental organizations; and prepare the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and other reports and studies called for by decisions of the deliberative bodies concerned.

Subprogramme
Security Council affairs

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* (i) Annual report of the Security Council to the General Assembly; and (ii) reports of subsidiary organs of the Security Council to the Council, as required;

(b) *Substantive services.* (i) Meetings and consultations of the Council as a whole, meetings of informal working groups of the Council and bilateral and group consultations, as required, the frequency of meetings and consultations being determined by the Council itself; (ii) meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Council, of which there are currently nine, namely, the Security Council Committee of Experts; the Committee on the Admission of New Members; the Security Council Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters; the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 724 (1991) concerning Yugoslavia; the Security Council Committee

established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia; the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola; and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda.

2. Published material

Recurrent publications. Completion of drafting of the eleventh supplement to the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*, covering the period 1989-1992.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.74 The estimated provision for posts ($8,147,300) covers 24 posts in the Professional category and above (1 D-2, 3 D-1, 6 P-5, 11 P-4/3 and 3 P-2) and 24 General Service posts (3 Principal level and 18 Other level established posts and 3 temporary posts). That level of posts reflects the abolition of one P-5 post from the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch and includes the proposed continuation of the six temporary posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 4 General Service (Other level)) approved in the biennium 1994-1995 for the servicing of the Security Council sanctions committees.

2.75 The distribution of posts among the units of the Security Council Affairs Division would be as follows:

	Office of the Director	*Security Council Secretariat Services Branch*	*Security Council Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch*	*Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch*	*Military Staff Committee Secretariat*
Professional category and above					
D-2	1	—	—	—	—
D-1	—	1	1	1	—
P-5	—	2	4	1	—
P-4/3	—	4	4	3	1
P-2/1	—	1	2	—	—
Total	**1**	**8**	**11**	**5**	**1**
General Service category	**1**	**9**	**15**	**2**	**1**
Grand total	**2**	**17**	**26**	**7**	**2**

Other staff costs

2.76 The estimated requirements of $176,400, which reflect a growth of $101,600, would provide for general temporary assistance ($82,000) and overtime ($94,400). This provision is proposed in connection with the exceptional increase in the activities of the Security Council, including the extensive servicing of the sanctions committees.

Consultants and experts

2.77 A provision of $28,600 is proposed in connection with specialized services required in connection with the backlog of work in the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch and work related to the publication of the supplements of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*

Travel

2.78 The estimated requirements of $8,400 would provide for travel by staff for consultations concerning the work of the Security Council.

General operating expenses

2.79 The proposed estimates of $27,500 relate to communications and would be required in connection with long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles in relation to the activities of the Security Council.

Equipment

2.80 The estimated requirements of $128,300 would provide for acquisition of various items of office automation equipment, such as specialized workstations, specialized laptop computers for use during assignments away from Headquarters and attendance at meetings and printers, and the upgrading of existing equipment.

4. Disarmament

Table 2.24 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	7 325.0	8 154.2	392.7	4.8	8 546.9	543.9	9 090.8
Other staff costs	779.7	457.7	163.8	35.7	621.5	30.3	651.8
Consultants and experts	978.7	1 475.0	(235.6)	(15.9)	1 239.4	60.0	1 299.4
Travel	459.1	431.4	(14.3)	(3.3)	417.1	20.2	437.3
Contractual services	138.5	257.2	—	—	257.2	12.5	269.7
General operating expenses	167.0	167.7	(2.1)	(1.2)	165.6	7.8	173.4
Supplies and materials	54.7	68.2	—	—	68.2	3.1	71.3
Equipment	641.5	390.5	(216.5)	(55.4)	174.0	8.1	182.1
Fellowships, grants, contributions	1 407.2	1 588.9	—	—	1 588.9	55.7	1 644.6
Total	**11 951.4**	**12 990.8**	**88.0**	**0.6**	**13 078.8**	**741.6**	**13 820.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) Other United Nations organizations	—
80.9	106.7	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	142.3
80.9	**106.7**		**142.3**
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for the United Nations	
1 021.1	217.9	Disarmament Information Programme	233.0
		Trust Fund for Public Awareness on	
194.8	390.7	Disarmament Issues	410.2
		Trust Fund for Global and Regional	
801.8	234.6	Disarmament Activities	254.0
		Trust Fund for Interest on the Contribution to the United Nations	
500.0	608.2	Special Account	400.0
2 517.7	**1 451.4**		**1 297.2**

	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
			(c) Operational projects	
	323.5	142.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa	133.8
	154.9	99.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	145.3
	396.7	40.0	Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific	40.0
	1 433.7	2 187.3	Trust Fund for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research	2 187.3
Total (c)	**2 308.8**	**2 468.9**		**2 506.4**
Total (a), (b) and (c)	**4 907.4**	**4 027.0**		**3 945.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**16 858.8**	**17 017.8**		**17 766.3**

Table 2.25 **Post requirements**

Programme: Disarmament

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	10	11	—	—	—	—	10	11
P-4/3	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**27**	**28**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**27**	**28**
General Service category								
Principal level	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Other levels	15	16	—	—	2	2	17	18
Total	**19**	**20**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**21**	**22**
Grand total	**46**	**48**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**48**	**50**

2.81 The promotion of arms limitation and disarmament at the global level remains an essential element in the international community's efforts to strengthen international peace and security. These efforts are still focused on weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear ones, but are becoming increasingly concerned with the growth and proliferation of various types of conventional weapons. In this connection, there is wide support for greater openness and transparency in military matters and for the prohibition of the use of particularly inhumane weapons. At the same time, the upsurge of regional conflicts has further demonstrated the value of regional approaches to arms limitation and confidence-building.

2.82 Considerable progress has been achieved in the negotiation of disarmament measures in various fields over the last several years. The issues that continue to demand the Organization's close attention fall into three categories: prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, as well as of the destabilizing accumulation of conventional arms; continuation of the dialogue to find solutions to the issues associated with the transfer of dual-purpose technologies; and promotion of confidence-building measures, openness and transparency in all spheres of military activities of States at the global, regional and subregional levels.

2.83 Guided by the overall objective of the programme in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, the Department of Political Affairs, through its Centre for Disarmament Affairs, has placed increased emphasis on the servicing of United Nations disarmament bodies, the Conference on Disarmament and its subsidiary bodies, as well as various review conferences and other meetings of parties to multilateral disarmament agreements; promotion of dialogue between Governments, researchers, scientists and other experts and non-governmental organizations, through the organization of meetings and conferences at both the international and the regional level; the monitoring, analysis and study of specific aspects of disarmament in order to promote a more thorough understanding of the complex factors involved in the process of disarmament; continued development of the disarmament computer database for electronic collection, storage and retrieval of information for use by the Centre, as well as by delegations and other relevant users.

2.84 During the biennium 1996-1997, the Centre will continue on this course. However, some additional demands will be placed on it by (a) the 1997 special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and its follow-up; (b) more intensive negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty and on a multilateral convention on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear-weapons purposes, in addition to ongoing efforts in the fields of negative security assurances, prevention of an arms race in outer space and transparency in armaments; and (c) the follow-up to the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

2.85 Another aspect of the Centre's activities that may place additional demands on its resources is its regional centres.

Subprogramme 1
Deliberation and negotiation

2.86 The objectives set out in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, have continued to guide the activities conducted under this subprogramme. Within that context, emphasis will be placed on:

(a) Provision of assistance to States parties to multilateral disarmament agreements, as required, and to Governments and intergovernmental bodies in their deliberative and negotiating efforts aimed at advancing the process of arms limitation and disarmament;

(b) Follow-up action on the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and other bodies, and multilateral agreements, as may be necessary;

(c) Further rationalization of the documentation needed for the various disarmament bodies.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Depositary services.* Activities for the administration of depositary formalities in connection with (i) the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and its Preparatory Committee; (ii) the Ad Hoc Group mandated to draft measures to strengthen the biological weapons Convention; (iii) the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of

Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof and its Preparatory Committee; (iv) follow-up activities related to the Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects; (v) follow-up activities related to the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; and (vi) other conferences related to multilateral disarmament agreements for which the Secretary-General is a depositary and/or which are requested by the General Assembly, in particular the convening of a conference of the Consultative Committee of Experts as provided for under paragraph 2 of article V of the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques;

(b) *External relations*. (i) Maintaining liaison with States parties of various multilateral disarmament agreements and monitoring the process of signature and ratification of those agreements, as required; and (ii) maintaining liaison with intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations active in the field of disarmament.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. (i) Reports of the Disarmament Commission to the General Assembly and a special report to the fourth special session of the Assembly devoted to disarmament; (ii) reports of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to the Assembly; (iii) reports to the Assembly with respect to the follow-up and implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the Assembly and other legislative bodies, including compilation and evaluation of replies received from Member States (approximately 30 reports); (iv) preparation of reports of the First Committee to the Assembly on each agenda item; (v) special reports to the Assembly, as may be required, in connection with the fourth special session devoted to disarmament; (vi) special reports and necessary background documentation prepared at the request of States parties for submission to review or special conferences on multilateral disarmament agreements; (vii) reports mandated by relevant resolutions of the Assembly (approximately 56 reports); and (viii) technical reports on disarmament matters of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly;

(b) *Substantive services*. (i) Annual sessions of the First Committee of the General Assembly; (ii) fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and its preparatory committee; (iii) Disarmament Commission, sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and consultation groups, as required, and year-round consultations, as necessary; (iv) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean; (v) Conference on Disarmament (three sessions); and (vi) ad hoc committees established as subsidiary bodies of the Conference and inter-sessional negotiations and other disarmament meetings held at Geneva, as requested;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work*. Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Cooperative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events (one session per year).

3. *Operational activities*

Advisory services. Provision of expert advice to the deliberative bodies in the field of disarmament, to review conferences of multilateral disarmament agreements and other international conferences, to Member States and to senior officials of the Organization, as required.

4. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Coordination and liaison with the General Assembly Affairs Division, the Office of Legal Affairs, the Office of Conference and Support Services, the International Atomic Energy Agency, OAU and the South Pacific Forum, in connection with servicing of intergovernmental bodies and implementation of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 2
Publications and United Nations Disarmament Information Programme

2.87 The two broad mandates of this subprogramme are in response to (a) General Assembly resolution 31/90 of 14 December 1976 in which the Assembly endorsed the proposals of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of the Role of the United Nations in the Field of Disarmament, which made specific reference to publication of a yearbook and periodical; and (b) the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (A/S-12/32), which launched the World Disarmament Campaign, renamed the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/53 D of 9 December 1992. The Centre for Disarmament Affairs database continues to assist in the production and dissemination aspects of the information programme.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Annual reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. (i) *United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*; (ii) *Disarmament: A Periodic Review by the United Nations*; (iii) *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*; (iv) topical papers, pursuant to requests of Member States to host conferences on particular issues; (v) *Disarmament Newsletter*; and (vi) expert studies/reports;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. Ad hoc publications to respond to developments and requests as they occur.

3. Information materials and services

(a) *Press releases*. Approximately 10 per year;

(b) *Special events*. (i) Special meeting of the First Committee of the General Assembly commemorating Disarmament Week; (ii) pledging conference for the United Nations Disarmament Information Programme, held during Disarmament Week; (iii) panel discussions and symposia for diplomatic and academic communities, as well as non-governmental organizations, on current disarmament issues during the spring session of the Disarmament Commission and during Disarmament Week in October; and (iv) meetings, panel discussions and symposia, held in cooperation with the Non-governmental Organizations Committee on Disarmament, on selected disarmament topics.

Subprogramme 3
Monitoring, analysis and studies

2.88 During the biennium 1996-1997, activities to be carried out will concentrate on (a) operating and maintaining the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, established by the Secretary-General on 1 January 1992 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/36 L of 9 December 1991; (b) operating and maintaining a computerized database for the purpose of the Register, as well as for facilitating the exchange of data and information on various aspects of armaments, arms limitation and disarmament; (c) analysing international security- and disarmament-related developments within and outside the United Nations system; (d) follow-up to the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; (e) preparation and follow-up to the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament; (f) provision of substantive services to the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; and (g) provision of substantive services to expert groups established to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of studies on arms limitation and disarmament issues.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Annual reports to the General Assembly (i) containing the data provided by Member States for the Register of Conventional Arms; (ii) on scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security; (iii) on the relationship between disarmament and development; and (iv) background papers in connection with the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work.* (i) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and report to the General Assembly; (ii) expert group on the continuing operation of the Register of Conventional Arms and its further development, and report to the General Assembly; and (iii) other ad hoc expert groups mandated by the General Assembly.

2. Published material

Non-recurrent publications. Studies on verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification, and other studies that might be mandated by the General Assembly.

3. Information materials and services

(a) Maintenance of the disarmament reference library;

(b) Continued implementation and maintenance of electronic collection, storage and retrieval of international security and disarmament affairs information.

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Provision of expertise on arms limitation and disarmament issues to subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations;

(b) *Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships.* Organization of expert meetings and workshops on specialized issues in the field of disarmament and international security.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Analytical writings; preparing political assessments, research papers and compilations; and preparation of background materials, statements, talking points and briefing notes for the Secretary-General;

(b) Coordination with other organs/agencies of the United Nations system on follow-up to recommendations for further work with respect to study reports of ad hoc expert groups mandated by the General Assembly;

(c) Implementation of decisions involving inter-agency and interdepartmental issues, such as those taken by the high-level task force on disarmament and development;

(d) Maintaining cooperation with research institutes working in the field of arms limitation and disarmament matters, and more specifically with UNIDIR.

Subprogramme 4
Assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues: regional centres; fellowships, training and advisory services

2.89 Regional and subregional issues have acquired additional importance in the field of disarmament and international security. The regional centres should be able to focus on the organization of regional conferences, meetings and seminars and on promoting cooperation among Member States and other constituencies to facilitate the exchange of ideas and initiatives. The mandates of the regional centres envisaged that their programmes of work would be carried out locally. However, voluntary contributions have been insufficient to allow any of the centres to attain the level of activity envisaged. In the

circumstances, some of the centres' activities are carried out at Headquarters, including, in particular, support for the Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa, whose purpose is to promote confidence-building measures and arms restraint in the central African subregion.

2.90 Within the context of this subprogramme, the disarmament fellowship, training and advisory programme will continue to strengthen the ability of government officials and diplomats, particularly from developing countries, to participate more fully and effectively in current disarmament efforts, with attention being given to the participation of newly independent States. It will also continue to provide advisory services as requested by Governments or intergovernmental regional organizations and organize training workshops on specific disarmament and security issues, to complement the fellowship programme, which is global in scope.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices and fact-finding. (i) Organizing and implementing, at the request of Member States, special and fact-finding missions related to arms limitation and disarmament; and (ii) participation in the Arms Control and Regional Security Working Group of the multilateral track of the Middle East peace process (two meetings per year).

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* (i) Reports to the General Assembly on the activities of the regional centres; (ii) special reports on the activities of the regional centres and the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme to the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament; and (iii) reports to the General Assembly on the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(b) *Substantive services.* (i) Regional conferences to provide for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament; (ii) expert and ministerial meetings of the Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications.* (i) Newsletter for the African region; (ii) *study series on African security*; (iii) *El Boletin*; and (iv) newsletter for the Asia and Pacific region;

(b) Topical papers reflecting the results of regional meetings organized by the regional centres (approximately two per year for each region).

4. Information materials and services

(a) Maintenance of the reference libraries at the regional centres; organizing exhibits on the occasion of Disarmament Week in each region; disseminating information on arms limitation and disarmament within the Asia-Pacific region; and maintaining and updating training materials and a directory of disarmament fellows;

(b) Bulletins, study series, ad hoc publications, maintenance of reference libraries and dissemination of information materials to constituents in the respective regions.

5. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* (i) Provision of expert advice to Member States, at their request, on their initiatives in confidence-building, arms limitation and disarmament, as well as on other security-related activities; and (ii) provision of expert advice and support to governmental and non-governmental organizations, at their request, for the formulation and implementation of their programmes related to disarmament, peace and security;

(b) *Group training, including seminars, workshops and fellowships.* (i) Promoting cooperation among Member States through the holding of regional conferences/seminars; (ii) workshop and training programme on peace education for teachers in the African region and for journalists and editors in the Asia-Pacific region;

(c) *Field projects*. Providing advice and assistance to special and fact-finding missions related to arms limitation and disarmament;

(d) Disarmament fellowship programme, composed of about 30 fellows;

(e) Training workshops at the regional or subregional level for government officials (advisory services), particularly from developing countries (one each year).

6. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

(a) Fund-raising activities through contacts with Member States, non-governmental organizations and foundations;

(b) Consultations with Member States on the activities to be carried out by the regional centres;

(c) Coordination on follow-up in the field to relevant recommendations on the work of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(d) Maintaining cooperation with research institutes working in the field of arms limitation and disarmament.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.91 The staffing of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs would consist of 28 posts in the Professional category and above (1 D-2, 3 D-1, 11 P-5, 10 P-4/P-3 and 3 P-2) and 20 General Service (4 Principal level and 16 Other level) established posts funded under the regular budget, located at New York, Geneva and three regional centres at Kathmandu, Lomé and Lima. The redeployment of 1 P-5 post from preventive diplomacy and peacemaking (Europe Division) and one General Service (Other level) post from the former Research and Data Analysis Unit, proposed in document A/C.5/49/44, is reflected in these proposals.

Other staff costs

2.92 Requirements of $621,500 are estimated for the following: (a) general temporary assistance, including an increase of $131,600, to cover 12 work-months of secretarial support rendered to disarmament bodies, including review conferences and special meetings of parties to multilateral disarmament agreements, in relation to activities of subprogramme 1, 36 work-months for activities related to subprogramme 2, 24 work-months of secretarial support to various ad hoc expert groups referred to under the activities of subprogramme 3, and 24 work-months for bilingual secretarial support in connection with the work of the Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa falling under subprogramme 4 ($528,700); and (b) $92,800, including an increase of $32,200, for overtime requirements, particularly for support to the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and various study groups.

Consultants and experts

2.93 The proposed provision of $1,239,400 under this heading reflects a decrease of $235,600 and would cover the following:

(a) Consultants required in connection with the preparation of background papers for the various ad hoc expert groups under subprogramme 3, Monitoring, analysis and studies ($58,100);

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. Requirements in connection with the 24 members of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; sessions of the Group of Experts on the Register of Conventional Arms; and members of the Standing Advisory Committee for Central Africa for whom travel and subsistence are provided ($1,181,300).

Travel

2.94 The total provision proposed ($417,100), including a decrease of $14,300, would cover (i) travel of governmental and non-governmental participants to regional conferences and seminars planned for the biennium ($166,600); and (ii) travel of staff pertaining to substantive servicing of the Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa; the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; the disarmament fellowship programme; special and fact-finding missions related to arms limitation and disarmament and activities in cooperation with specialized agencies (for example, with IAEA concerning

illicit trafficking in nuclear material) and regional organizations (for example, OAU in dealing with regional security matters); travel of the Director in a representational capacity on behalf of the Secretary-General; travel of other staff, particularly in connection with attendance at disarmament seminars, workshops and regional conferences; and the implementation of disarmament studies ($250,500).

Contractual services

2.95 It is proposed that $257,200 be provided for external printing in connection with the publications programme outlined under subprogramme 2, Publications and United Nations Disarmament Information Programme.

General operating expenses

2.96 The proposed requirements of $165,600 would cover official hospitality extended by members of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs ($5,700), rental and maintenance of office and data-processing equipment ($61,400), and communications ($98,500).

Supplies and materials

2.97 The proposed provision of $68,200 would meet requirements for (a) stationery and office supplies ($14,900); (b) purchase of library books and subscriptions to periodicals for the disarmament library ($14,800); and (c) public information supplies necessary for dissemination of information on disarmament matters ($38,500).

Equipment

2.98 The provision of $174,000 relates to the acquisition of equipment, hardware, software and other related electronic data-processing equipment in connection with the operation of the United Nations Disarmament Information System (UNDAIS) and the Register of Conventional Arms, as well as of a communications server to allow expanded connections to Geneva and provide services to the Conference on Disarmament ($108,100), and replacement of current data-processing equipment ($65,900).

Fellowships, grants, contributions

2.99 The requirements of $1,588,900 include provisions for the disarmament fellowships programme ($1,148,900) and the subvention to UNIDIR ($440,000). The requirements for the disarmament fellowship programme relate to (a) lecturers' fees and travel ($39,600); (b) travel, stipends and terminal allowance for 30 fellows ($892,100); (c) travel of programme coordinator and assistants ($64,500); (d) other resource requirements, such as interpretation and production of training materials and books ($39,600); (e) consultant services and temporary assistance during peak periods ($33,700); and (f) implementation of the training courses at the regional and subregional levels ($79,400).

5. Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

Table 2.26 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	676.5	1 829.9	198.9	10.8	2 028.8	117.8	2 146.6
Other staff costs	7.0	—	12.0	—	12.0	0.5	12.5
Consultants and experts	5.2	55.7	—	—	55.7	2.3	58.0
Travel	—	59.7	(12.0)	(20.1)	47.7	2.2	49.9
Equipment	—	23.7	—	—	23.7	1.2	24.9
Total	**688.7**	**1 969.0**	**198.9**	**10.1**	**2 167.9**	**124.0**	**2 291.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
56.8	242.4	Other staff costs	—
—	241.2	Consultants and experts	241.2
149.0	499.4	Travel	499.0
—	362.0	Contractual services	362.0
2.2	142.8	General operating expenses	142.8
—	2.0	Supplies and materials	2.0
—	24.0	Equipment	24.0
—	4 856.6	Fellowships, grants, contributions	62.0
Total **208.0**	**6 370.4**		**1 333.0**
Total (1) and (2) **896.7**	**8 339.4**		**3 624.9**

Table 2.27 **Post requirements**

Programme: Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3
Total	**5**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**7**
General Service category								
Other levels	4	4	1	1	—	—	5	5
Total	**4**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**5**
Grand total	**9**	**10**	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**12**

Subprogramme 4
Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

2.100 The central activity carried out under subprogramme 4 of programme 4 is the coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of electoral assistance. The channelling of requests follows the guidelines established in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly (A/49/675 and Corr.1). Requests relating to technical assistance are channelled to implementing agencies, the Department for Development Support and Management Services and the Centre for Human Rights. Requests by Member States to organize and conduct, supervise or verify an electoral process are transmitted by the Secretary-General to the appropriate political organs. Other categories of electoral assistance have also been carried out directly.

2.101 In response to General Assembly resolution 46/137 of 17 December 1991, and as indicated in paragraph 4.39 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, the activities of the subprogramme are carried out by the Electoral Assistance Division. The United Nations has since received requests for assistance from some 65 countries. Experience since 1992 has demonstrated the need for additional resources in the area of needs-assessment missions and consultancies.

2.102 The conduct of fact-finding or needs-assessment missions to requesting countries has proved very useful and cost effective in ensuring the provision of appropriate and timely assistance. With respect to missions of great complexity, the organization and conduct, supervision or verification of elections is usually required; hence it becomes necessary to send preparatory missions to prepare the terms of reference and the operational plan of the electoral component, which constitute the basis of subsequent reports of the Secretary-General to the respective political organ. On the other hand, in missions with limited United Nations involvement, undertaking needs-assessment missions ensures that assistance required is tailored to the specific needs of the country and that cooperation can be arranged.

2.103 Electoral assistance provided directly by the Electoral Assistance Division takes several forms, with which form to be followed being determined in each case following the conduct of needs-assessment missions.

In some cases the Division provides coordination and support to the activities of international observers who have been invited by requesting Governments. In such cases, the Electoral Assistance Division sends a team to the requesting country to establish an electoral assistance secretariat for the observers, which carries out functions related to the preparation of briefing materials, organization of the observation and performance of all other duties necessary for an effective performance by the observer group. In other cases, the United Nations may be requested to provide support for the creation of a national observer network. In this context, the United Nations sends a small team of technical experts to the requesting country in order to identify and train appropriate nationals who would constitute a domestic network. In less frequent cases, the Secretary-General may choose to send a single observer to follow an election process and prepare a general report. Such assistance, which is in response to a request from the country, is justified only in special circumstances.

2.104 The number of requests for electoral assistance depends on the evolution of the political situation in the respective Member States, and it is therefore difficult to predict future needs. On the basis of the number of requests received to date and the use of consultants as necessary, it is anticipated that current staffing resources will be sufficient.

Activities

1. Parliamentary activities

Parliamentary documentation. Report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the activities of the United Nations to enhance the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (1996 and 1997).

2. Operational activities

(a) Coordination, consideration and channelling to the appropriate agencies of requests from Member States for electoral assistance, ensuring careful consideration of the requests. Coordination and support to the activities of other international observers, financing in whole or in part of electoral verification and preliminary or fact-finding missions through requests for electoral assistance from the United Nations Trust Fund for Electoral Observation;

(b) Establishment of an institutional memory on the basis of experience to ensure consistency in the assistance rendered to Member States organizing elections. The activities will be carried out through (i) the retrieval of information; (ii) the evaluation and analysis of information; (iii) the dissemination of information on the basis of experience for possible use in future missions, in the form of guidelines and training materials, covering the different approaches employed by the United Nations; and (iv) field visits to missions;

(c) Development and maintenance of a roster of international experts who could provide technical assistance, as well as assistance in the verification of electoral processes. The roster is available to other units in the system that require such information. It is also expected that travel will be undertaken for consultations with other organizations that maintain similar rosters and for participation in annual meetings by organizations of electoral officers to help identify potential candidates for the roster, to keep abreast with developments in the electoral field and to maintain contacts with electoral institutions.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

(a) Maintenance of contact with regional and other intergovernmental organizations to ensure appropriate working arrangements with them and to avoid duplication of efforts;

(b) Development of regional networks of electoral organizations as instruments for coordination of activities and for exchange of expertise at the regional level. Networks of electoral institutions exist in Latin America, eastern Europe and the United States of America, but not in Africa. In 1994, the United Nations co-sponsored a conference for African election administrators along with the African-American Institute, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems and the National Democratic Institute. The conference also served as a basis for initial discussion aimed at the creation of an African association of election administrators. The activities proposed for the biennium 1996-1997 would include two workshops, one to evaluate international experience in the observation of elections

and the other the experience with technical assistance and its impact on the sustainability of electoral institutions.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.105 The staffing table of the Electoral Assistance Division would consist of seven posts in the Professional category and above (one D-2, two P-5 and three P-4/P-3 established posts and one D-1 temporary post) and five General Service (Other level) (four established and one temporary) posts. The increase of $198,900 reflects the redeployment from apartheid-related activities of one P-4 post to strengthen the Division, as proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/49/44) and approved by the General Assembly.

Other staff costs

2.106 Other staff costs ($12,000) relate to provision for overtime requirements of the Division.

Consultants and experts

2.107 Requirements of $55,700 would cover specialized outside expertise during the biennium to assist with training materials for electoral observers and electoral verification missions.

Travel

2.108 The provision of $47,700, which includes a decrease of $12,000, would cover travel related to provision of technical support to existing verification missions and for follow-up.

Equipment

2.109 The estimated requirements ($23,700) would provide for office automation equipment for the Division, such as specialized workstations, laptop computers and additional software.

6. Question of Palestine

Table 2.28 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 473.4	2 571.6	(295.8)	(11.5)	2 275.8	106.5	2 382.3
Other staff costs	79.7	88.7	—	—	88.7	4.0	92.7
Consultants and experts	—	15.5	(7.7)	(49.6)	7.8	0.4	8.2
Travel	861.0	1 206.9	(224.5)	(18.6)	982.4	47.5	1 029.9
Contractual services	11.4	27.2	—	—	27.2	1.3	28.5
General operating expenses	305.0	427.1	(51.2)	(11.9)	375.9	17.3	393.2
Supplies and materials	31.8	28.2	—	—	28.2	1.8	30.0
Equipment	47.2	64.1	—	—	64.1	3.0	67.1
Total	**3 809.5**	**4 429.3**	**(579.2)**	**(13.0)**	**3 850.1**	**181.8**	**4 031.9**

Table 2.29 **Post requirements**

Programme: Question of Palestine

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	8	6	—	—	—	—	8	6
Total	**10**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**8**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	**17**	**15**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**15**

Subprogramme
Question of Palestine: exercise by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights

2.110 Responsibility for the overall strategy of programme 5, Question of Palestine, rests with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The Committee's initial mandate, as set out in General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, was to consider and recommend to the Assembly a programme of implementation designed to enable the Palestinian people to exercise its inalienable rights. The Division for Palestinian Rights, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977, was mandated to undertake, in consultation with and under the guidance of the Committee, a programme of studies, publications and dissemination of information, as well as the organization of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The Committee's mandates, and that of the Division, have been reaffirmed each year by the General Assembly and progressively enlarged to include monitoring developments, organizing seminars, symposia and meetings of non-governmental organizations, cooperating with non-governmental organizations, and establishing a United Nations computer-based information system on the question of Palestine (UNISPAL).

2.111 The mandates and programmes of work of the Committee and Division have continued to evolve in response to developments in the peace process, particularly since the mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO, the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements in September 1993, and the subsequent implementing agreements between the parties, which have partially changed the situation on the ground and led to the establishment of a self-governing Palestinian Authority in the Gaza Strip and Jericho area.

2.112 The General Assembly, by its resolution 49/62 A of 14 December 1994, *inter alia*, considered that the Committee could make a valuable and positive contribution to international efforts to promote the effective implementation of the Declaration of Principles and to mobilize international support and assistance to the Palestinian people during the transitional period; endorsed the Committee's recommendations contained in its report; and requested the Committee to continue to keep under review the situation relating to the question of Palestine and to report and make suggestions to the General Assembly or the Security Council, as appropriate.

2.113 Activities under this subprogramme are carried out by the Division for Palestinian Rights in consultation with the Committee and under its guidance. During 1996-1997, the programme of work that the Committee is expected to adopt will require the Division to continue to organize regional seminars, as well as non-governmental organization symposia and international meetings. In the light of recent practice and decisions already taken by the Committee, it is envisaged that several of the regional meetings will be partially combined and will be of shorter duration and involve fewer experts invited at United Nations expense than in the past, thus making savings possible. The Division will also continue to monitor the situation on the ground and prepare and disseminate studies and publications on various aspects of the question of Palestine, the Middle East peace process, the programmes of assistance to the Palestinian people and the objectives of the Committee. In response to the interest generated by UNISPAL within and outside the United Nations system and in order to discharge its informational functions more effectively, the Division will continue to implement and expand UNISPAL.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Consultation, liaison and expansion of contacts with non-governmental organizations, including accreditation procedures, planning, organization and substantive servicing of seven regional non-governmental organization symposia, two international non-governmental organization meetings and four preparatory meetings, which involves issuing invitations and making all other necessary arrangements for the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, experts, government representatives, Committee members and observers and representatives of organs and organizations of the United Nations system and of other intergovernmental organizations, as well as the preparation of notes and working papers for and reports of these meetings.

2. Parliamentary services

Substantive services. Substantive servicing of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, its Working Group and its bureau, which meet throughout the year, including the preparation of the Committee's annual report, working papers, notes and statements for the members of the Committee and the Working Group.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Monthly bulletin on international action relating to the question of Palestine; monthly chronological review of relevant events monitored from the news media; a periodic compilation of documents and statements related to the Middle East peace process; a special bulletin on the commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People; and reports of seminars, symposia and meetings of non-governmental organizations;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. Various studies, reports and information notes on subjects to be determined;

(c) *Technical material*. Operation and development of UNISPAL, which contains databases on various current legal, political, economic, social and historical aspects, including publications of the Division, as well as a database concerning non-governmental organizations, experts and resource persons interested in the programme of work of the Committee.

4. Information materials and services

(a) *Booklets, pamphlets and fact sheets*. Provision, through UNISPAL, of information on various aspects of the question of Palestine; provision of information notes and documentation to the Committee, Member States, non-governmental organizations, experts and others interested in the question of Palestine, and dissemination of documentation in accordance with world-wide mailing lists;

(b) Planning, organization and substantive servicing of seven regional seminars, including issuing invitations and making all other necessary arrangements for the participation of experts, parliamentarians, government representatives, Committee members and observers and representatives of organs and organizations of the United Nations system and of other intergovernmental organizations, and preparation of notes and working papers for and reports of these seminars;

(c) *Lectures and seminars.* Lectures and briefings to the public, non-governmental organizations and others, and substantive assistance to other departments of the Secretariat in response to queries and in the preparation of documentation related to the question of Palestine, as well as assistance with regard to UNISPAL;

(d) *Exhibits and special events.* Arrangements for a Palestinian exhibit, film showings, a reception and meetings in New York and at the United Nations Offices at Geneva and Vienna for the annual commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

In implementing its programme, in particular with regard to certain publications and UNISPAL, the Division liaises with relevant departments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and exchanges information and cooperates with them as appropriate. In addition, the Division cooperates with those involved in assistance to the Palestinian people and consults with them as needed in connection with the preparation of seminars and non-governmental organization meetings dealing with assistance-related issues.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.114 It is proposed to redeploy one P-3 post to the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch and another P-3 to the General Assembly Subsidiary Organs Secretariat Services Branch. Following these redeployments, the Division would consist of one D-1, one P-5 and six P-4/P-3 posts and seven General Service (Other level) posts.

Other staff costs

2.115 Requirements are proposed for general temporary assistance ($76,100) for meetings organized by the Division for Palestinian Rights away from Headquarters, as well as during periods of maternity and extended sick leave of General Service staff members. Many meetings are held away from established headquarters without being hosted by Governments, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985. An amount of $12,600 is proposed for overtime requirements relating to work performed beyond normal working hours, particularly during preparations for the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, and peak workload periods.

Consultants and experts

2.116 The estimated requirements ($7,800), including a decrease of $7,700, relate to consultancy services required for the preparation of studies and publications requested by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for which the required expertise is not available in the Secretariat and for expert assistance to develop UNISPAL further.

Travel

2.117 A provision of $982,400, which reflects a decrease of $224,500, would cover:

(a) The cost of travel and subsistence for members of the Committee and experts attending meetings organized by the Division ($721,500), including a decrease of $171,200 as a result of economy measures. It is anticipated that five members of the Committee, including the Chairman, would travel in their official capacity to attend a total of seven regional seminars, seven regional non-governmental organization symposia, two international non-governmental organization meetings and four preparatory meetings;

(b) The cost of travel of staff ($260,900), including a decrease of $53,300, to provide substantive services for seminars, symposia and meetings organized by the Division, and of staff who accompany delegations of the Committee, attend meetings and conferences on the question of Palestine and undertake planning missions for future meetings.

Contractual services

2.118 Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 36/120 B of 10 December 1981, the publications of the Division are translated into languages other than the official languages of the United Nations. The

Committee has requested that each year three publications be translated into three languages to be determined by it. Requirements of $19,400 are estimated in this connection. Other requirements ($7,800) would provide for printing of invitations and other miscellaneous items required in relation to the programme of seminars, non-governmental organization symposia and international meetings organized by the Division.

General operating expenses

2.119 Regional seminars, symposia and meetings of non-governmental organizations are not as a rule hosted by Governments. Provision for the holding of meetings away from an established office, estimated at $202,800, including a decrease of $51,200, would cover rental of space and, as necessary, rental of interpretation and office equipment, communications and other similar expenses. Other requirements ($173,100) would provide for (a) receptions for local officials and all participants in the meetings hosted by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People on the occasion of the seminars, symposia and meetings of non-governmental organizations organized by the Division ($63,200); (b) maintenance of office automation equipment ($18,800); (c) communications ($14,400); and (d) miscellaneous support services required on site during the holding of regional seminars, non-governmental organization symposia and meetings and expenditures arising during the annual Palestinian rights exhibit in New York under the auspices of the Committee ($76,700).

Supplies and materials

2.120 Requirements of $28,200 are estimated for supplies and materials required on site for seminars, non-governmental organization symposia and meetings organized by the Division and for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals and on-line services required for the monitoring of political and other relevant developments affecting the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people ($21,900) and purchase of library books and supplies ($6,300).

Equipment

2.121 A provision of $64,100 would cover the continued development of UNISPAL ($47,800) and the replacement of office automation equipment ($16,300).

7. Other programmes

Table 2.30 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
(a) Research and collection of information	676.4	1 070.2	(1 070.2)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(b) Special political questions (UNARDOL)	—	893.8	(893.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(c) Special political questions (other)	1 631.1	2 624.5	(2 624.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(d) Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking	167.3	971.1	(971.1)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(e) Regional political and security cooperation and trusteeship and decolonization	3 034.4	3 646.8	(3 646.8)	(100.0)	—	—	—
(f) Elimination of apartheid	4 389.6	3 869.7	(3 869.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**9 898.8**	**13 076.1**	**(13 076.1)**	**(100.0)**	**—**	**—**	**—**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) Other United Nations organizations	—
335.8	465.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	—
335.8	**465.0**		—
		(b) Substantive activities	
6.3	186.0	Trust Fund for Publicity against Apartheid	—
6.3	**186.0**		—
		(c) Operational projects	
4 330.0	2 130.5	United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa	—
11 138.6	5 000.0	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	—
1 534.7	255.0	United Nations Fund for Namibia	—
17 003.3	**7 385.5**		—
17 345.4	**8 036.5**		—
27 244.2	**21 112.6**		—

Table 2.31 **Post requirements**

Programme: Other programmes

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-2	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
D-1	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
P-5	8	—	3	—	—	—	11	—
P-4/3	17	—	2	—	—	—	19	—
P-2/1	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	—
Total	**40**	—	**5**	—	—	—	**45**	—
General Service category								
Other levels	25	—	8	—	—	—	33	—
Total	**25**	—	**8**	—	—	—	**33**	—
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	4	—	—	—	4	—
Total	—	—	**4**	—	—	—	**4**	—
Grand total	**65**	—	**17**	—	—	—	**82**	—

Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking

Research and collection of information

Special political questions (other)

Regional political and security cooperation and trusteeship and decolonization

2.122 The activities carried out in implementation of subprogramme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, of programme 1 were in 1994-1995 initially the responsibility of the Unit on the Peaceful Settlement Process in the Middle East. Responsibility for the implementation of activities under subprogramme 3, Research, collection and analysis of information, of programme 1 rested with the Research and Data Collection Unit. Activities in implementation of subprogramme 2, Regional, political and security cooperation, and subprogramme 3, Trusteeship and decolonization, of programme 4 were implemented by the former Division for Regional Cooperation and Self-determination. The merger of the two parts of the Department of Political Affairs in March 1994 placed responsibility for these activities under the six regional divisions falling under preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, except for those relating to subprogramme 3, which were placed under the General Assembly Affairs Division.

2.123 The related resources have been redeployed.

Special Political Questions (Office of the Coordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon)

2.124 The Secretary-General, in his report to the General Assembly (A/49/388), expressed his determination that the United Nations system should continue to play a role in support of national objectives and programmes of national reconstruction and sustained development in Lebanon. He noted that the overall situation in Lebanon had shown considerable improvement, making the continuation of the programme in its present form no longer necessary. Consequently, the Secretary-General recommended that the programme be concluded at the end of 1994 and any residual functions related to UNARDOL be entrusted to the UNDP resident coordinator. The related resources are therefore being relinquished.

Elimination of apartheid

2.125 Following the decision by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/258 A of 23 June 1994 to terminate the mandate of the Special Committee against Apartheid, the Secretary-General submitted to the Assembly proposals for the disposition of resources appropriated for activities related to the elimination of apartheid (see A/C.5/49/44), including the redeployment of 11 posts and the abolition of 13 posts. At its resumed forty-ninth session, the Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General. It is proposed to formalize these redeployments and abolitions through the present budget and relinquish all other resources under this programme.

D. Programme support

Table 2.32 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 088.3	2 906.7	(1 065.6)	(36.6)	1 841.1	83.5	1 924.6
Other staff costs	119.5	188.7	(57.7)	(30.5)	131.0	6.3	137.3
Consultants and experts	8.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel	16.5	86.5	(86.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Contractual services	0.1	25.9	266.8	1 030.1	292.7	13.9	306.6
General operating expenses	420.1	410.2	46.7	11.3	456.9	22.1	479.0
Supplies and materials	51.2	63.0	32.3	51.2	95.3	4.8	100.1
Equipment	64.5	1 060.7	(726.6)	(68.5)	334.1	15.6	349.7
Total	**2 768.2**	**4 741.7**	**(1 590.6)**	**(33.5)**	**3 151.1**	**146.2**	**3 297.3**

Table 2.33 **Post requirements**

Programme: Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
P-5	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1
P-4/3	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**7**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**4**
General Service category								
Principal level	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Other levels	12	7	—	—	—	—	12	7
Total	**15**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**10**
Grand total	**22**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**22**	**14**

2.126 Programme support activities previously carried out by two executive offices are consolidated under this subsection as a result of the merger of the two parts of the Department of Political Affairs in March 1994. The consolidated Executive Office provides services in connection with personnel administration, financial administration and the utilization of common service resources. By combining the two offices, it has been possible to streamline activities along functional lines, thereby improving overall efficiency.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

2.127 The merger of the Department made it possible to redeploy one P-4 post to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, one P-3 post to the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General, one General Service (Other level) post to the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch, and another to preventive diplomacy and peacemaking.

2.128 It is proposed to further streamline the Office through the abolition of one D-1 post and one General Service (Other level) post and the redeployment of one P-5, one P-2 and one General Service (Other level) post to the Security Council Affairs Division in exchange for one P-4 post.

Other staff costs

2.129 Other staff costs relate to the following:

(a) General temporary assistance ($49,800) provides for the hiring of temporary staff to assist with special meetings of intergovernmental bodies serviced by the Department and the temporary replacement of staff on sick and maternity leave;

(b) Overtime of $81,200 in connection with servicing the Department and during peak workload periods.

Travel

2.130 Requirements of $86,500 are proposed for redeployment to preventive diplomacy and peacemaking to provide for travel in connection with follow-up missions and with other activities.

Contractual services

2.131 A provision of $292,700 would cover the external printing requirements of the Department ($26,700) and requirements related to commercial information database services, which provide access to world events ($266,000).

General operating expenses

2.132 A provision of $456,900 is proposed to provide for (a) rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment ($29,600); (b) communications requirements ($102,700); (c) maintenance of existing and additional office automation equipment ($285,100); and (d) miscellaneous services that may arise in connection with monitoring missions ($39,500). The requirements are offset in part by the redeployment of hospitality to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General ($2,400).

Supplies and materials

2.133 The estimated requirements ($95,300) relate to the cost of subscriptions to newspapers, periodicals, journals and reference and other materials. The growth results from increased activities carried out by the Department.

Equipment

2.134 The provision of $334,100, including a decrease of $726,600, relates to the acquisition of office automation equipment in 1996-1997, including a photocopying machine and personal computers and related software ($115,200), replacement of office automation equipment ($124,700) and the acquisition of other equipment ($94,200).